

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-14 were pending in the instant application. Claims 9 and 11 were withdrawn from consideration. Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice. Pursuant to the phone interview between Applicants' attorney, Li Cai, and Examiner Audet on Oct. 23, 2007, Applicants seek to rejoin claim 11.

Upon entry of the above, claims 1-8 and 10-14 will be pending in the current application. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH
SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts claim 7 improperly depend on a "compound of Formula (I) in claim 1". In response, Applicants respectfully point out that claim 7 is a dependent on a compound of formula (Ia) in claim 3, not compound of formula (I) in claim 1. The Examiner agreed to Applicants' position during his phone interview with Applicants' attorney.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, of claim 7 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Audet for conducting a phone interview with Applicants' attorney Li Cai discussing the instant application. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection made in the instant application has been successfully overcome or obviated, and that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of the current application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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